

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-35 were originally presented.

Claims 17-35 were earlier withdrawn based on a restriction requirement.

Claims 1, 10-16 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 36-43 have been added.

Claims 2-9, and 36-47 remain in this application.

35 USC § 112

Claims 2-4 and 13-15 are rejected based on lack of antecedent basis. Claims 2-4 have been amended, and claims 13-15 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests that the § 112 rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 5-8 depend from claim 1, and have been amended as independent claims and include all the elements of claim 1.

Claims 2-4 and 9 have been amended to depend upon allowable base amended claim 5.

Newly added claims 36-39 depend upon allowable base amended claim 6.

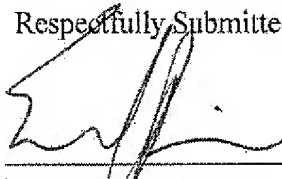
Newly added claims 40-43 depend upon allowable base amended claim 7.

Newly added claims 44-47 depend upon allowable base amended claim 8.

1 **CONCLUSION**

2 All pending claims 2-9, and 36-47 are in condition for allowance.
3 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject
4 application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the
5 Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent
6 Action.

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